

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 900

By Briggs

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Rob Hargis and the Smoky Mountain Hot Shots basketball team on their continuing success on the court.

WHEREAS, we are pleased to recognize a team of remarkable athletes whose commitment to excellence has been the driving force behind a most impressive nine-year run in the National Senior Games; and

WHEREAS, the world's largest Olympic-style, multi-sport qualifying event, with over 14,000 athletes competing every two years, the National Senior Games encourage active, healthy adult lifestyles through the senior games movement; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Smoky Mountain Hot Shots have experienced tremendous success in their nine years representing the State of Tennessee at the National Senior Games; and

WHEREAS, the Hot Shots team, ably led by Coach Rob Hargis, includes Monica "Neak" Alexander, Anna Bright, Josephine "Jo" Farmer, Susie Hargis, and Cherie Martin; and

WHEREAS, the Hot Shots have had remarkable success in the National Senior Games, winning the gold medal in 2013, 2017, and 2019, the silver medal in 2011, and the bronze medal in 2015. The team has also won two Huntsman World Senior Games and medals in state and national senior games in Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, Arkansas, Texas, California, Alabama, Ohio, New Mexico, Colorado, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the team's outstanding success is a credit to the coach, the players, and the State of Tennessee; the Smoky Mountain Hot Shots have been awarded the Certificate of Appreciation by three Tennessee governors and Governor Bill Lee recently declared February 16, 2020, "Smoky Mountain Hot Shot Day"; and

WHEREAS, the Smoky Mountain Hot Shots have been honored at the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 2013 and 2017 and on three occasions by the Tennessee Lady Volunteers; they have also been honored as guest coaches at Milligan College; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their success on the hardwood, Hot Shots members Neak Alexander, Anna Bright, Jo Farmer, Susie Hargis, and Cherie Martin have also won gold medals at the state, national, and world Senior Games, USATF, and Masters Games in softball, track and field, and tennis; and

WHEREAS, the Smoky Mountain Hot Shots have attained great success, and they are a tremendous source of pride for the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Coach Rob Hargis and the Smoky Mountain Hot Shots basketball team on their stellar accomplishments and dominant play. We extend to them our best wishes for much continued success both on and off the court.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.